



NOTICE*

There will be a special meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, March 16, 2020 at the Highland Town Hall, Town Council Study Session, to discuss traffic related matters on Kennedy Avenue and the Bike Trail.

TRAFFIC SAFETY MEETING March 3, 2020

The Traffic Safety Commission met in regular session at the Public Safety Building. Chief Hojnicki called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Roll Call: Peter T. Hojnicki, Chief of Police

John E Banasiak, Commander Police Department

Steve Jurczak, Police Commissioner John Bach, Public Works Director William Timmer, Fire Chief

Tom Black, Town Council

Also present: Robyn Pappenheim, Project Engineer of DVG Team, Inc.

Ken Mika, Building Commissioner

Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Redevelopment Commission Jose C. Sandoval, Attorney from 2929 Jewett Ave

Mr. Sandoval spoke on behalf of the 2929 Jewett Ave Building stating there were five businesses located within and the concerns of parking for approximately 10-12 employees. Much discussion was had regarding the recent 2 hour parking signs being posted along the 2900 block of Jewett as parking is limited. The matter was tabled until further research could be done for resolutions for all. For the time being employees will utilize the south side of the street for parking and the Highland Fire Department back lot. Mr. Sandoval will supply further information to Public Works Director John Bach.

The safety concern for the building on the sw corner of Indianapolis Blvd and Hart Road was briefly discussed as the building is within close proximity to Indianapolis Blvd and INDOT is not eligible to install protection, however any protection barriers would be at the owner's expense and would need INDOT approval. Robyn stated a Right of Way from INDOT would be needed to see how much space is available. After research was completed Public Works Director John Bach would forward the plan to INDOT and the Town Council.

The "Right Turn Only" traffic sign posted at Kennedy Avenue and Main Street will be adjusted.

Parking problems at 3935 Wirth Road will be addressed with repainting of the curb area and signage posted properly on both sides of the street stating "No Parking Here to Corner".

The parking complaint at Highway Ave and Delaware Street was tabled until further clarification could be addressed as to which corner was in question.

Business from the floor-

Fire Chief Timmer stated the back lot of Central Fire located on Highway Ave could have up to 15 spots for downtown parking in the future. Commander Banasiak suggested the Redevelopment Commission look into plans/costs to increase parking lot size in 2021 as the Town of Highland continues to attract businesses but does not have sufficient parking.

A question was raised as to whether a Pedestrian Crossing could be placed on the ground at the 45th Street/ Bike Trail along with the Hawk Signal. Robyn will check into this matter.

Commander Banasiak asked if SB Kennedy at Lincoln Street traffic signal could be adjusted for a longer green light during afternoon rush hour traffic. PW Director Bach stated he would check with Midwestern Electric.

The Traffic Safety will have a Special Meeting on March 16th at 6:30 pm to attend the Town Council Study Session to present the Hawk Signal proposal for Kennedy Ave and the Bike Trail, along with Kennedy Avenue/Jewett Street traffic signal proposals. To be advertised accordingly.

With no further the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.